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SUBJECT: CHURCH MEETING ON NUCLEAR ISSUES IN PACIFIC

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1. PACIFIC CONFERENCE OF CHURCHES (PCC) BELIEVED TO BE
SAME ORGANIZATION AS PACIFIC COUNCIL OF CHURCHES) WAS MAJOR
FACTOR IN ORGANIZATION OF PACIFIQUE '77, HELD AUG 22-SEPT 2,
1977 IN HONIARA, SOLOMON ISLANDS. PACIFIQUE '77 WAS A
TRANS-PACIFIC ECUMENICAL GATHERING CONCERNED WITH ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT, ROLE OF THE CHURCHES IN THE PACIFIC,
COLONIALISM, NUCLEAR FREE PACIFIC, EDUCATION AND
COMMUNICATION. ATTENDEES FROM PNG INCLUDED FATHER JOHN
MOMIS, MINISTER FOR DECENTRALISATION, FATHER CHERUBIM DAMBUI,
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INTERIM PREMIER, EAST SEPIK PROVINCE, BERNARD NARAKOBI,
THEN CHAIRMAN OF LAW REFORM COMMISSION, REV. DICK AVI,
(UNITED CHURCH) EXECUTIVE SECRETARY OF MELANESIAN COUNCIL
OF CHURCHES, AND FR. PATRICK MURPHY, PCC CHURCH AND
SOCIETY PROGRAM. ALL OF THESE PEOPLE ARE KNOWN TO EMBASSY
AND ARE BELIEVED TO BE SERIOUS, RESPONSIBLE PEOPLE. OTHERS
ATTENDING FROM PNG AND SOLOMONS NOT KNOWN TO US.

2. LOCAL BRANCH OF PCC IS HEADED BY FATHER PATRICK MURPHY, AN AUSTRALIAN WHO USED TO LIVE IN MICRONESIA. WE HAVE HEARD FROM HIM THAT PCC IS PLANNING CONFERENCE ON NUCLEAR-FREE PACIFIC IN MICRONESIA SOON.

3. WE HAVE COPY OF PROCEEDINGS OF PACIFIQUE '77 WHICH LISTS PARTICIPANTS AND GIVES HISTORY OF TRANS-PACIFIC ECUMENICAL MOVEMENT, PARTICIPATION OF MICRONESIANS, IRIANESE AND HAWAIIANS. ALSO OUTLINES GOALS RE END TO COLONIALISM AND RE NUCLEAR FREE PACIFIC. WE CAN POUCH COPY IF DEPT DESIRES.

4. THIS CABLE WAS PREPARED FROM MATERIAL IN FILES. BASED ON PRESENT KNOWLEDGE WE DO NOT RPT NOT CONSIDER IT TO BE ORGANIZATION ON LUNATIC FRINGE. IT HAS SOME VERY RESPECTABLE SUPPORTERS.
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